

Secure Identification System

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Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A secure identification system comprising:
at least one centralized computer storing a database of
compressed image files;

a plurality of remote terminals in operative
communication with one or more of the centralized computers;

means located at the site of each remote terminal for
information to be verified by the system, the verification of the
information relying at least in part on an image file stored at the
centralized computer.

2. The system of claim 1, further including means
located at a remote data terminal for gathering image-related
information for comparison with an image file stored at a
centralized computer.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the means for
gathering image-related information includes video camera to input
a video image of an individual to be verified.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein the means for
gathering image-related information includes a graphical input
device having a stylus with which an individual to be verified may
input a signature.

5. The system of claim 2, wherein the means for
gathering image-related information includes means for imaging a

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fingerprint of an individual to be verified.

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